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BOOTS!



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FOOTY
STAR...

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of here!



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UNITED

Are they the most
boring team ever?

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I'M FALLING
ASLEEP...
Zzzzzzz!

ARSENAL
REVEALED

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the dirt on his mates!

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BRAINBOX -
I'LL TELL YOU
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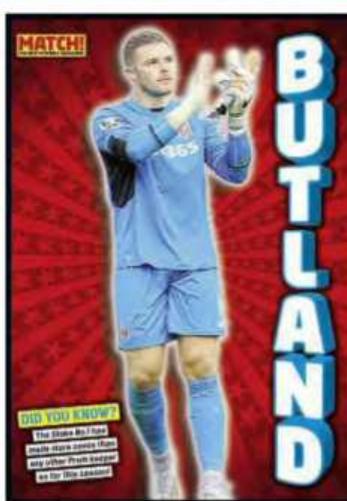
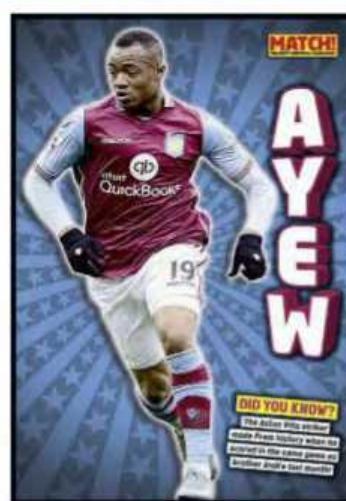
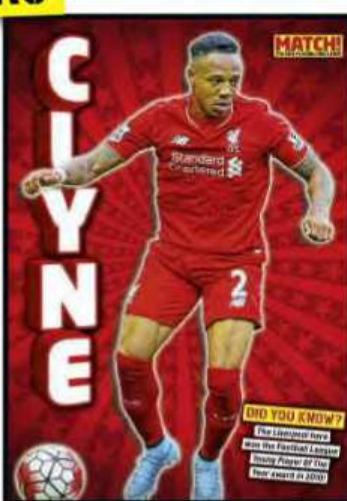
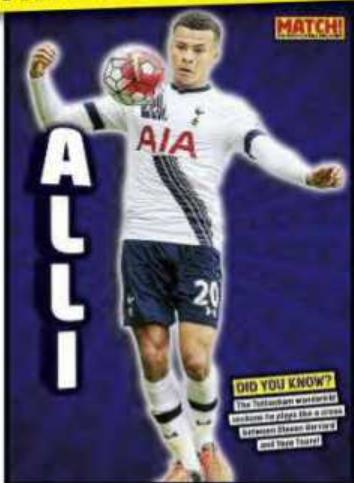


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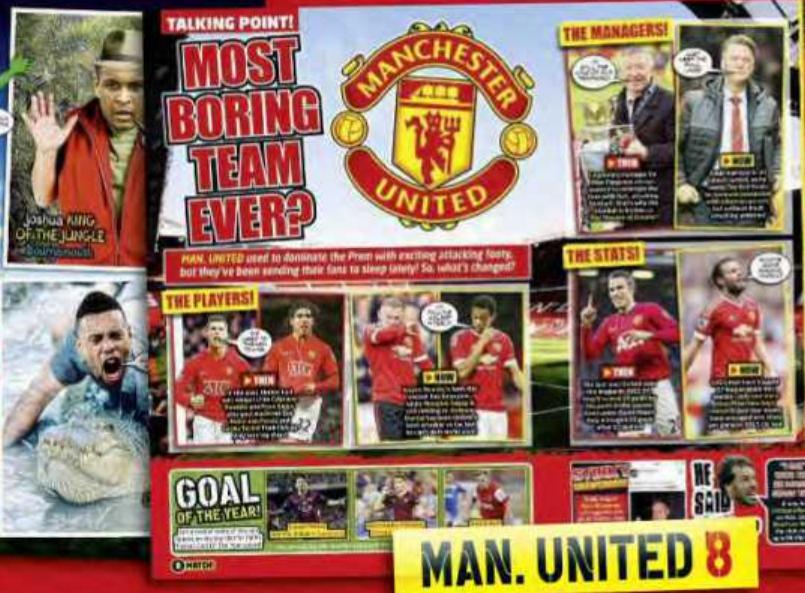


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MATCH!
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EVERY WEEK!

RED-HOT STAR!

RAHEEM STERLING!

The most expensive English player ever comes up against his old team LIVERPOOL this weekend, so MATCH checks out whether MAN. CITY star Sterling has been worth the money!

MATCH-WINNING PERFORMANCES!

 Sterling has played a massive role in some of City's games this season - he bagged a hat-trick against Bournemouth, and tore Sevilla apart in their 3-1 win in Spain!



PACE AND WIDTH!

 City's attack was too slow and narrow at times last season, but Raheem has given them an extra dimension so far in 2015-16 with his rapid speed and tricky dribbling!



TOP OF THE LEAGUE!

Pellegrini's men are top of the Prem and have scored the most goals, and Sterling's been a major part of that - he's only missed one league game this season!



BAGS OF POTENTIAL!

The Three Lions star is still really young - he'll be terrorising defences for years to come! If City hold on to him, £49 million will seem like a total bargain!



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Do you think Sterling has been worth the money?
Tell us on the MATCH Facebook page!



STERLING'S STATS!

AGE:	20
FEES:	£49 MILLION
GAMES:	16
GOALS:	6
ASSISTS:	2

DON'T MISS OUR MASSIVE PREVIEW!



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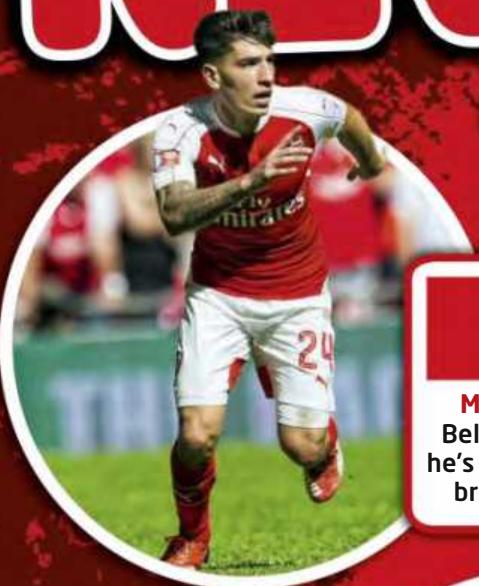
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MIKEL ARTETA...

ARSENAL REVEALED

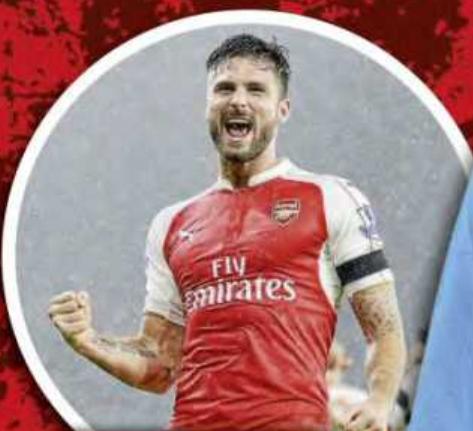


GUNNERS captain **MIKEL ARTETA** chats to **MATCH** about his **ARSENAL** team-mates!



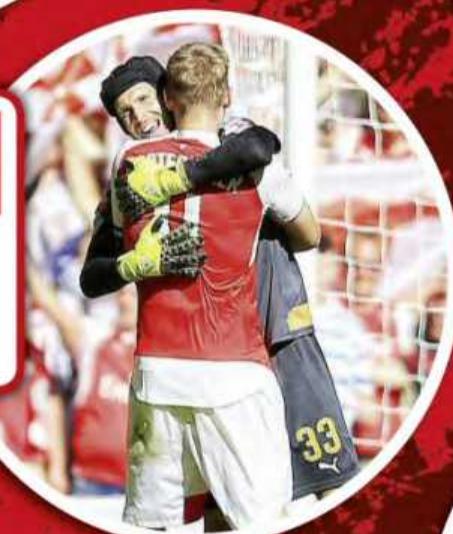
SPEED DEMON!

MIKEL SAYS: "Hector Bellerin is the quickest - he's taken over since Theo broke all the records!"



THE POSER!

MIKEL SAYS: "It's got to be Giroud - he just loves himself!"



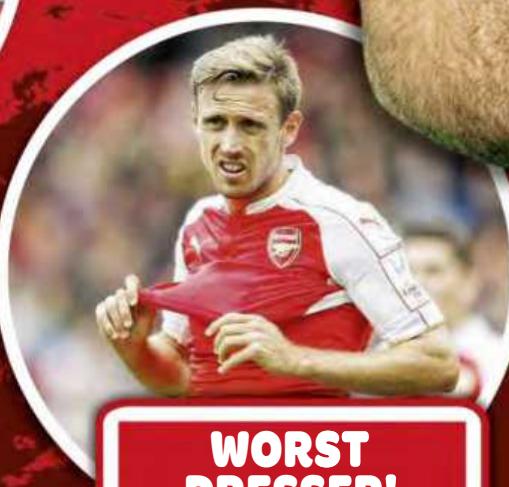
THE BRAINBOX!

MIKEL SAYS: "Petr Cech or Per Mertesacker, but I'd say we don't have that many clever players!"



THE HARDMAN!

MIKEL SAYS: "Per - he's an angry man! He helps me manage fines. I decide who has to pay and I say, 'Per, collect the money for me.' He's like a bulldog - 'You owe me £20!'"



WORST DRESSER!

MIKEL SAYS: "Nacho Monreal - he's stuck in the 1980s! It's just random - he does try, but he hasn't got a clue!"

THE JOKER!

MIKEL SAYS: "Santi Cazorla is very funny, but nobody understands him because his English isn't great! He's always kidding around and thinking ahead to do something bad!"



THE DJ!

MIKEL SAYS: "Giroud or Oxlade-Chamberlain. They play funk, R&B - a bit of everything. It's quite good!"



MOST POPULAR!

MIKEL SAYS: "I don't want to say Giroud again! Aaron Ramsey, probably. He's a really popular guy."



FUTURE MANAGER!

MIKEL SAYS: "Petr Cech has got something about him. Me? We will see - I can't say myself!"



Mikel Arteta was speaking on behalf of **Trans World Soccer** as the football travel company's Tours Ambassador.

MIKEL SAYS: "Trans World Soccer creates packages for school groups and youth teams of all abilities to travel the world and experience life as a superstar footballer. Touring the iconic stadiums, playing local challenge matches and watching live games in the biggest leagues - they even do press conferences! It's great because they can make friends while getting a flavour of what life at the top is really like."

TALKING POINT!

MOST BORING TEAM EVER?



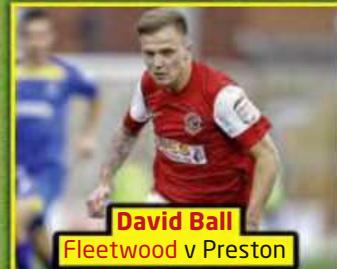
MAN. UNITED used to dominate the Prem with exciting attacking footy, but they've been sending their fans to sleep lately! So, what's changed?

THE PLAYERS!



GOAL OF THE YEAR!

Get a load of some of the net rippers on the shortlist for FIFA's Puskas Goal Of The Year award!



You can see the full shortlist and watch the goals at www.fifa.com/ballon-dor/puskas-award

THE MANAGERS!



► THEN

Legendary manager Sir Alex Ferguson always wanted to entertain the fans with fast, attacking football - that's why the stadium is known as 'The Theatre of Dreams'!



► NOW

Louis van Gaal is all about control, so he wants The Red Devils to dominate possession with sideways passes, but without much attacking ambition!

THE STATS!



The last time United won the league in 2012-13, they'd scored 29 goals by this point in the season. Even under David Moyes they managed 20 goals after 12 games!



► NOW

LVG's men have bagged 17 league goals this season - only one more than Prem new boys Norwich! Just four teams have averaged less shots per game in 2015-16, too!

footy on the box!

Get a load of the best games on TV this week!



ENGLAND v FRANCE

International Friendly

Tuesday, 8pm, ITV



MIDDLESBROUGH v QPR

Championship

Friday, 7.45pm, Sky Sports 1



WATFORD v MAN. UNITED

Premier League

Saturday, 12.45pm, BT Sport 1



REAL MADRID v BARCELONA

La Liga

Saturday, 5.15pm, Sky Sports 2



MAN CITY v LIVERPOOL

Premier League

Saturday, 5.30pm, Sky Sports 1



JUVENTUS v AC MILAN

Serie A

Saturday, 7.45pm, BT Sport 1



TOTTENHAM v WEST HAM

Premier League

Sunday, 4pm, Sky Sports 1



CRYSTAL PALACE v SUNDERLAND

Premier League

Monday, 8pm, Sky Sports 1



STINKY SHAWCROSS!

Stoke skipper Ryan Shawcross was tagged in this pic on Twitter after Diego Costa hinted that he had smelly armpits. LOL!



HE SAID WHAT?

"I CAN'T PLAY WITH THIS GUY - HE DOESN'T EVEN CROSS THE BALL!"

A new book about Cristiano Ronaldo reckons ex-Man. United striker Ruud van Nistelrooy left the club coz he was fed up with the footy legend!

BIRTHDAY

JESUS NAVAS



CORNER!

CRAZIEST LEAGUE IN EUROPE?



The Prem has loads of drama, but **THE CHAMPIONSHIP** is on another level! It's packed with a red-hot title race, ace goal kings, clubs ripping it up in the cup and more!

TITLE RACE!

This season's battle for promotion is mega tight - just six points separate the top six! It was just as close this time last year, too!

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Hull	16	10	4	2	+18	34
Brighton	16	9	7	0	+9	34
Burnley	16	9	5	2	+9	32
Boro	16	9	3	4	+12	30
Derby	16	8	6	2	+11	30
Birmingham	16	8	4	4	+7	28



MESSI, NEYMAR, SUAREZ... AND RVP?

Crazy rumour alert! Gossips reckon Robin van Persie is wanted by Barcelona! He's struggling for Fenerbahce - what are Barça thinking?



KUYT ON A ROLL!

One man who's ruled out a move to Barça is Feyenoord hero Dirk Kuyt! He's been linked to La Liga after hitting 10 goals in 12 games!

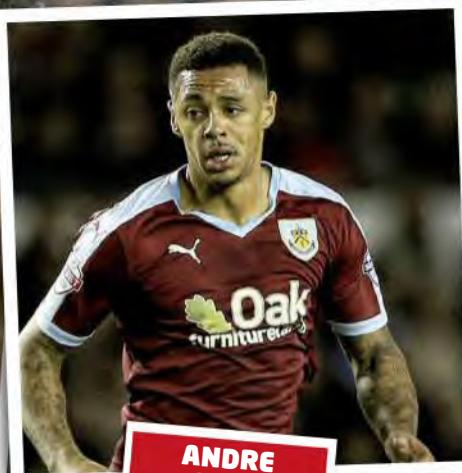


SUPER STRIKERS!

The Championship is packed with some proper goal machines!



CHARLIE AUSTIN
Games: 12
Goals: 7
Value: £15m



ANDRE GRAY
Games: 13
Goals: 10
Value: £9m



ROSS MCCORMACK
Games: 16
Goals: 9
Value: £10m

GIANT KILLINGS!

Six Prem teams have been knocked out of the Capital One Cup by Championship sides already this season!



Sheffield Wednesday 3-0 Arsenal



Man. United 0-0 Middlesbrough (p)



Hull 1-0 Swansea

THE FANS!

Only the Bundesliga and the Premier League have had more supporters than the Championship this season!

LEAGUE	FANS 2015-16
Bundesliga	4,691,270
Premier League	4,374,933
Championship	3,302,524
La Liga	3,154,734
Serie A	2,821,729
Ligue 1	2,710,701



DID YOU KNOW?

Brighton are the only unbeaten club in England's top four divisions!

MLS UPDATE!

Last week, Bradley Wright-Phillips fired New York Red Bulls to an MLS semi-final with Columbus Crew!



CRAZIEST GAME EVER?

In Austria, TSV Neumarkt were 4-0 up against SV Seekirchen, but got three players sent off and lost 5-4!



Adios, Moyes!

Real Sociedad have sacked ex-Man. United manager David Moyes after just two wins from their first 11 games! Could his next job be back in the Prem?



MATCH! READERS'...

MY FIRST MATCH



MATCH fans **David Ali Maharg, Adam Kyle, Jay Carty, Joshua Thompson** and **Charlie McLaughlin** enjoyed a money-can't-buy experience when Man. City played Norwich last month after winning our 'My First Match' competition!

They hung out with City mascots Moonchester and Moonbeam!

Their names appeared on the big screen!



They got to sit in the managers' dugout!



"This has been a day I'll never forget! Getting to high-five the players, having my name on the big screen and looking behind the scenes in the dressing room was unreal! I can't wait to tell all my friends!"

David Ali Maharg
MATCH competition winner



They high-fived the players as they entered the stadium!

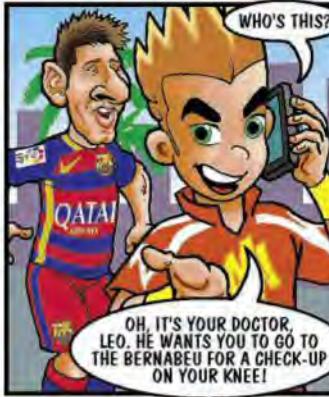


They toured the Etihad Stadium and City Football Academy!



THE AWESOME ADVENTURES OF

MATCHMAN



GRAB A COPY OF
MATCH NEXT WEEK
FOR ANOTHER FUNNY
ADVENTURE!

Surprise A Special Chelsea Fan This Christmas!



Chelsea star **RUBEN LOFTUS-CHEEK** this week launched Chelsea's festive campaign to 'Make a Christmas Wish Come True'.

This Christmas, Chelsea Football Club will be rewarding five supporters with a special VIP experience at Stamford Bridge. Their aim is to make this festive season as special as possible for the fans that deserve it most.

While Christmas should be a happy time, Blues midfielder Ruben Loftus-Cheek is aware that it can also present unique challenges and is keen to hear from you about the people who deserve an extra special treat this year.

The England U21 star said: **"Christmas should be a**

magical time of year and one we all look forward to. Sadly, it can be a struggle for some."

Loftus-Cheek and team-mates will pick five deserving winners who will be invited for a special VIP day at Stamford Bridge when Chelsea play Sunderland on December 19.

"We are very fortunate, not least for the support we get from fans. It's vital to give something back, especially to those fans that have gone through difficult times."

So if you know someone who needs rewarding, check out the website below.



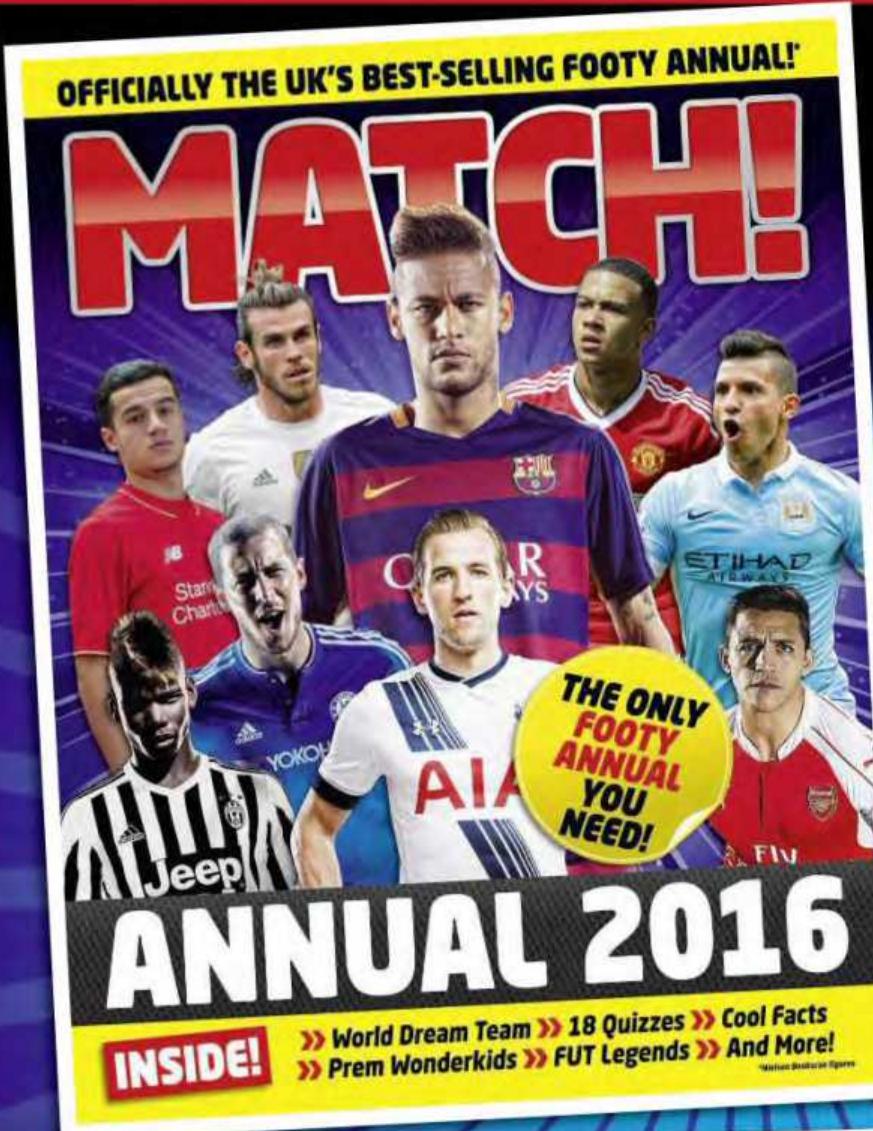
"This is a great chance for us to deliver a lift to some special people, and I'm really excited to be part of it."



Visit Chelseafc.com/christmas to find out more!

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Online: www.panmacmillan.com/match2016

FIFA 16 ZONE!

XBOX ONE



YOUR TEAMS

Check out Axel Cornell's Draft squad! In form Sanchez and Figo as captain - nice!



FIFA QUESTIONS

Alex Ingratta asks: "How is it that Xbox gets FUT Legends cards but PlayStation doesn't?"

MATCH says: "Unfortunately for PS players, FIFA makers EA have a deal with mega tech company Microsoft to make Legends cards for Xbox only. Sorry, Alex!"



Melissa Abbasian asks: "I've signed Fernando Torres on my FUT team, but I'm not sure who to play alongside him in my 4-4-2 formation. Help, **MATCH**!"

MATCH says: "It depends on your budget, Melissa. Antoine Griezmann would be awesome, but he's quite expensive! Try another Atletico forward, Angel Correa - he's a pacy dribbler that'll have good chemistry with Torres, and you can get him for 1,000 coins!"

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EL CLASICO SPECIAL!



Real Madrid and Barcelona are always two of the most popular teams on FIFA, but which one is better? With the epic clash taking place this weekend, MATCH has been comparing the two sides!

REAL MADRID



LINE-UP

We tweaked Real's formation to 4-3-3 Attack to get Ronaldo and Bale higher up the pitch, and Modric and Kroos into more attacking areas. Use the creativity of their midfield trio to play some slick through balls for the forwards!

FC BARCELONA



LINE-UP

Messi and Neymar are most dangerous when cutting inside to shoot or pass to Suárez, so get the full-backs forward for extra width. Use Alves and Alba's rapid dribbling to get up the pitch, then let the front three work their magic!

HEAD-TO-HEAD

We set these teams up against each other, then left it to FIFA 16 to decide who's best! Here's how they got on!

MATCH 1

RMA 2
BAR 0

Bale, Benzema

MATCH 2

RMA 0
BAR 1

Suarez

MATCH 3

RMA 0
BAR 0

Real won on pens

MATCH 4

RMA 0
BAR 1

Rakitic

MATCH 5

RMA 1
BAR 0

Benzema

VERDICT

Real just nicked it in these matches, but it was close! Which team do you think is better on FIFA? Go to the MATCH Facebook page to tell us!

BOOT ROOM

► BOOTS ► BALLS ► KITS ► & MUCH MORE!

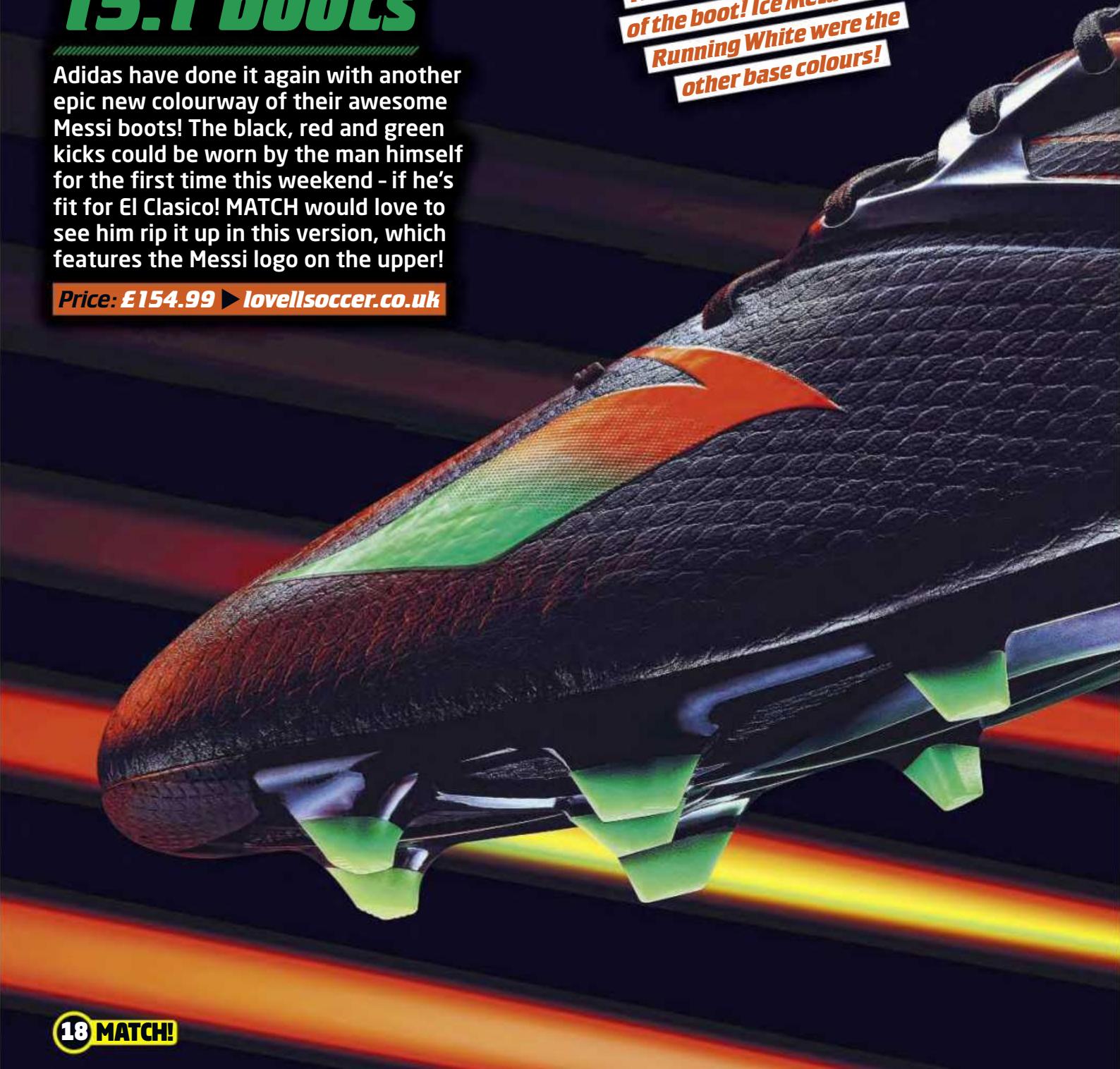
Adidas Messi 15.1 boots

Adidas have done it again with another epic new colourway of their awesome Messi boots! The black, red and green kicks could be worn by the man himself for the first time this weekend - if he's fit for El Clasico! MATCH would love to see him rip it up in this version, which features the Messi logo on the upper!

Price: £154.99 ► lovellsoccer.co.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

This is the third colourway of the boot! Ice Metallic and Running White were the other base colours!



Messi facts

► MessiFRAME technology provides a locked-in feel, offering maximum balance!

► The boots feature an epic X-ray material on the upper called messiTOUCH!



adidas

Boot info

► You can accelerate and turn quicker with the 3D cage in the heel. Wicked!

► Messi actually helped design and develop these awesome boots himself!



Adidas X15.1 City Cage Pack

These X15.1 trainers are perfect with winter just around the corner! Your local footy pitch is probably well muddy, so bust these out on artificial surfaces instead!

Price: £85 each ► adidas.co.uk

These X trainers
come in three colours
— Clear Onix, Solid
Grey and Core
Black!



MLS Lego Heroes!

Get a load of these epic MLS Lego men! You can actually dribble, pass and shoot with these guys! They're from the USA, so prices can vary!

► oyosports.com



Giovinco

Seb tore up the MLS this season!



Jones

We can't get enough of Jermaine's dreads!

Price: £8.60



Drogba

Move the arms to do Didier's celebration!

Price: £8.60



B. Wright-Phillips

You can get both Wright-Phillips brothers!

Price: £8.60



MORE KITS...

How awesome does
Belgium's home shirt look?

► adidas.co.uk



Denmark Home
Price: TBC



Sweden Home
Price: TBC



Belgium Home
Price: TBC

Germany Home Kit

The world champions will wear
this classy strip at Euro 2016!

Price: TBC ► adidas.co.uk



Kaka

We'd defo have Kaka
in our MLS dream team!

Price: £8.60



Gerrard

Ping loads of great
passes with Stevie G!

Price: £8.60



Pirlo

The beard is
so AWESOME!

Price: £8.60



Dempsey

Dempsey's team-mate
Martins is also available!

Price: £8.60



Ridgewell

Each figure comes
with a mini ball, too!

Price: £8.60



SNAPPED!

MATCH checks out the craziest footy pics we've seen lately!



Hide-and-seek Harry!



Jack Butt-land!

Does the England ace play for The Poppers?

Footy gymnasts!

Olympiakos' goal celebrations are off the hook!



Neymar's banter!

The Barça goal king gives himself some stick!





Boss blushes!

Remi Garde got a bit shy when he met Villa's mascot!



Now that's gotta hurt!

Heung-Min Son shows you how not to block the ball!

The Harry Monster!

Honey and Harry make an epic managerial double act!



HELLO, IS THAT CHELSEA?



Bayern's peek-a-boo!

I SEE YOU!



Smelly Alli!

New shorts, please!



Mathieu
De-BUSHTUCKER
TRIAL
Arsenal



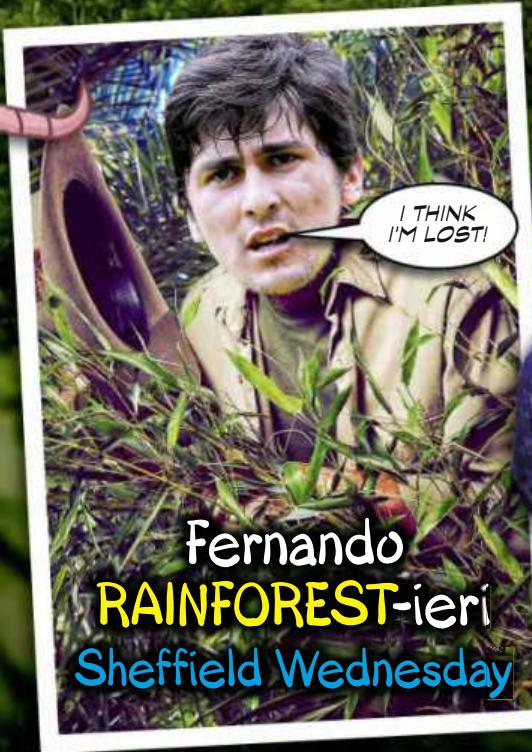
SNAKE Livermore
Hull

MATCH!

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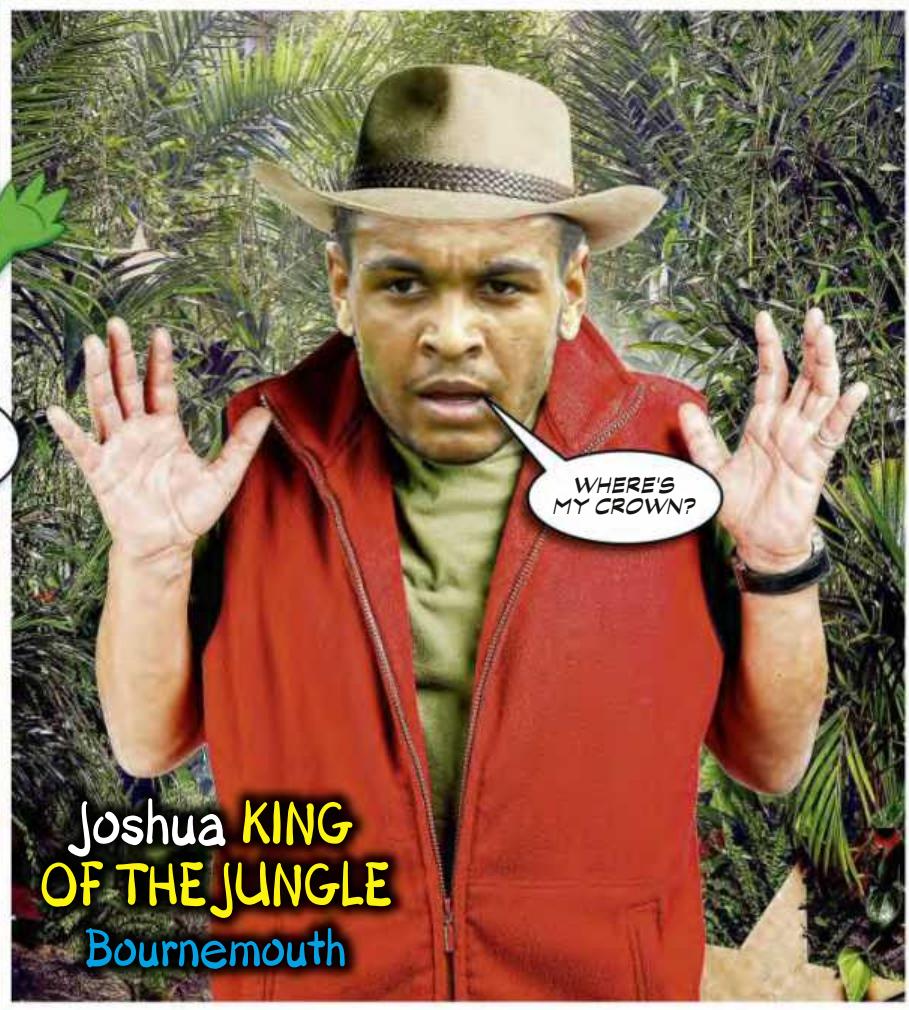
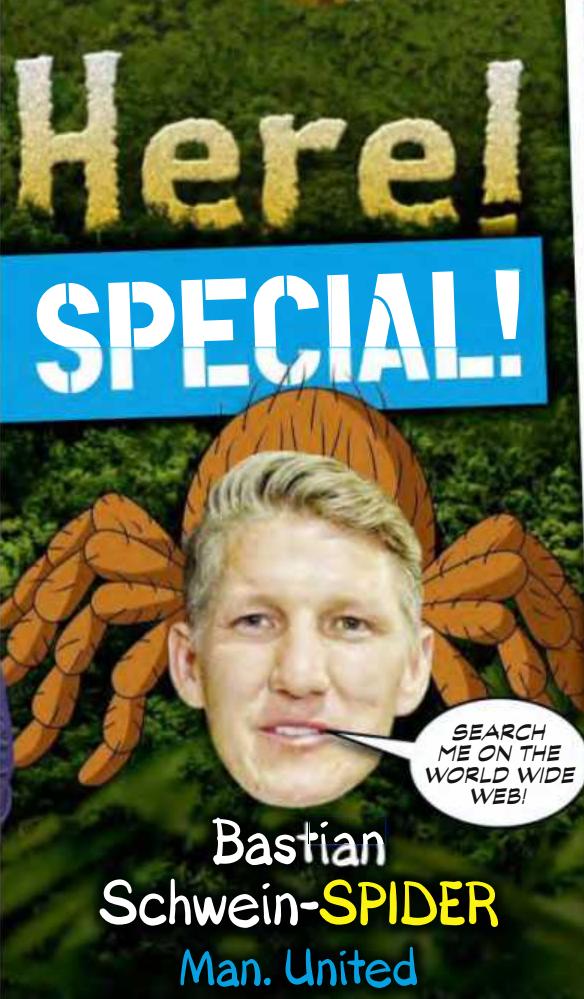


RAT
Jarvis
Norwich



Fernando
RAINFOREST-ieri
Sheffield Wednesday





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BONKERS PREM STATS!

MATCH reveals the biggest stats of the Premier League season so far!

HORNETS HALF-TIME HEROES!



Premier League new boys Watford would be **top of the Prem table** if only half-time scores counted - they've not lost a first half yet this season!

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 WATFORD	12	4	8	0	20
2 SOUTHAMPTON	12	4	7	1	19
3 MAN. UNITED	12	4	7	1	19
4 TOTTENHAM	12	4	6	2	18
5 ARSENAL	12	4	6	2	18

High-flying Leicester would only be 17th in the table!



WHAT A BUNCH OF LOSERS!



Get a load of the stars who've **lost possession** the most this season - there's some big names in this list!

PLAYER/CLUB	NO. OF TIMES DISPOSSESSED
Alexis Sanchez Arsenal	41
Romelu Lukaku Everton	35
Harry Kane Tottenham	32
Memphis Depay Man. United	32
Graziano Pelle Southampton	32



Aston Villa, Crystal Palace, Man. City and Man. United are the only Prem teams not to have conceded a penalty this season!



There have been 26 penalties in 2015-16, but only two have been saved - one by Thibaut Courtois and the other by Heurelho Gomes!



Seven goals have been scored directly from free-kicks this season - Christian Eriksen and Willian have bagged two each!



Spurs boss teams when it comes to set-pieces - they've scored the most goals from dead-ball situations with seven in total!

CHUMPTIONS CHELSEA!

Chelsea have made the **worst start to a Prem season by a defending champion!** Get a load of the best and worst starts ever!

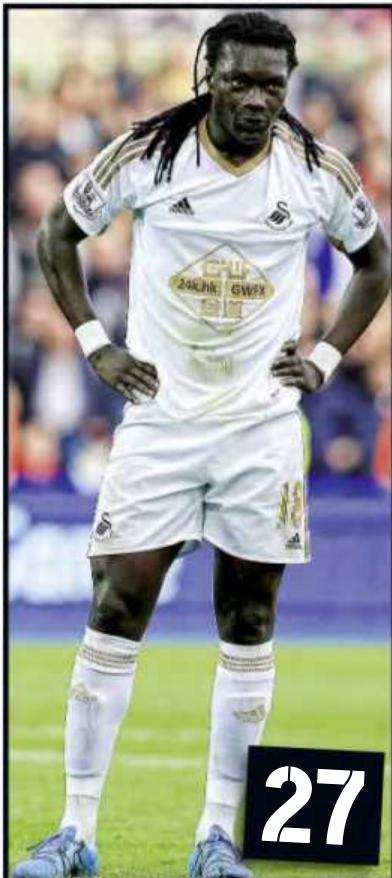
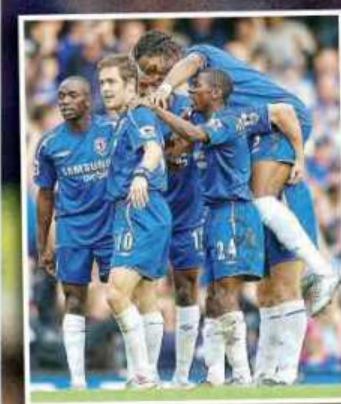
TOP 5 WORST STARTS BY DEFENDING CHAMPIONS!

TEAM/SEASON	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 CHELSEA 2015-16	3	2	5	-4	11
2 BLACKBURN 1995-96	3	2	5	-2	11
3 MAN. UNITED 2013-14	5	2	3	+4	17
4 ARSENAL 1998-99	4	5	1	+7	17
5 MAN. UNITED 2001-02	5	3	2	+10	18



TOP 5 BEST STARTS BY DEFENDING CHAMPIONS!

TEAM/SEASON	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 CHELSEA 2005-06	9	1	0	+20	28
2 CHELSEA 2010-11	8	1	1	+24	25
3 ARSENAL 2004-05	8	1	1	+19	25
4 MAN. UNITED 1993-94	8	1	1	+14	25
5 CHELSEA 2006-07	8	1	1	+12	25



Swansea striker Bafetimbi Gomis has been **caught offside more than double any other player** this season! Time your runs better, Bafetimbi!



TACKLE MACHINES!

Jurgen Klopp has only been in charge of Liverpool for four games, but The Reds have recently moved to the top of the tackles table, with Leicester and Sunderland right behind them!

NUMBER OF TACKLES BY CLUB

LIVERPOOL
409

LEICESTER
399

SUNDERLAND
397

ARSENAL
396

TOTTENHAM
388



3

The only teams who haven't scored from outside the penalty box in 2015-16 are Leicester, Stoke and West Brom. Crazy!

78

Bottom club Aston Villa have only been in a winning position for 78 minutes so far this season!

64%

ACE IGHALO!

Where would Watford be without striker Odion Ighalo? Probably bottom of the table - he's hit 64% of their goals this season!

28%

Loads of footy experts say Arsenal always try to pass the ball into the net - well this stat backs it up! Only 28% of The Gunners' shots have come from outside the penalty box - the fewest in the Prem!



0

No player in the Premier League has been booked for diving yet in 2015-16. That's unbelievable!

EPIC ENGLISH!

Get a load of which Prem clubs have the most goals scored by English players - and which teams have the fewest!

TOP 5

POS	CLUB	GOALS SCORED
1	Leicester	14
2	Tottenham	11
3	Bournemouth	10
4	Norwich	8
5	Sunderland	6

These teams are packed with English talent, but only four scorers from these sides are in the current England squad!

BOTTOM 5

POS	CLUB	GOALS SCORED
16	Chelsea	1
17	Newcastle	0
18	Southampton	0
19	Stoke	0
20	Swansea	0

Stoke, Swansea, Newcastle and Southampton all have top English stars, but not one of them have scored this season!



3

Chelsea's top scorer this season is own goals! We knew The Blues were bad, but not this bad!



HOOF-BALL HORNETS!

We weren't surprised to see Watford top of the Prem long ball stats with **Troy Deeney** and **Odion Ighalo** up front - they're both beasts in the air! We don't think Man. United fans will like seeing their team make the top five, either!

LONG BALLS PER GAME

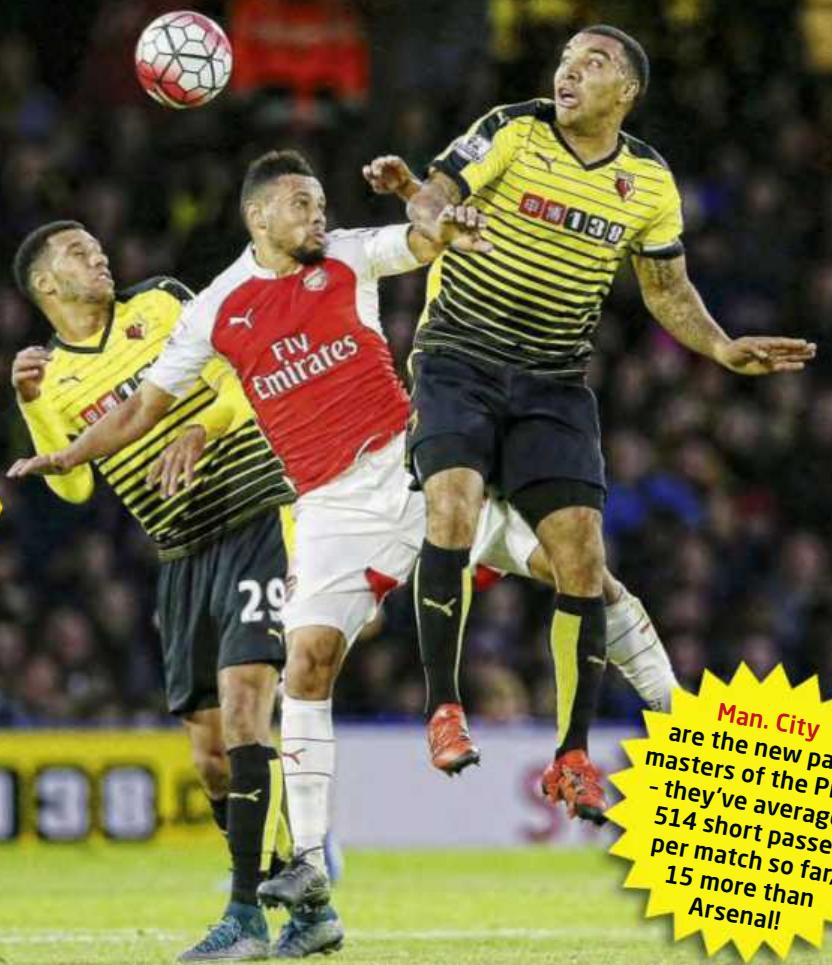
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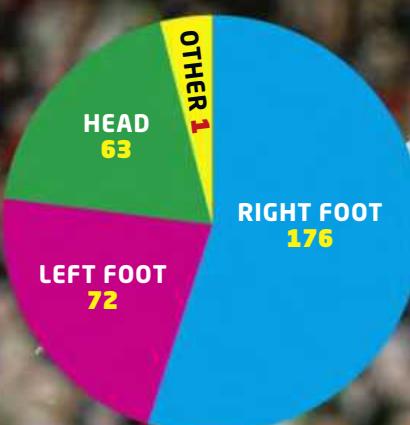
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Man. City
are the new pass
masters of the Prem
- they've averaged
514 short passes
per match so far,
15 more than
Arsenal!

RIGHT FOOT FIRST!

322 goals have been scored in 2015-16
- check out how they were bagged!



The ten
goals missing
from the
pie chart are
own goals!



LEICESTER LOVE GOALS!

We can't get enough of Leicester right now! The Foxes have been involved in some epic scorelines this season, including 5-2, 4-2 and two 3-2s! They're top of the average goals per match table!

TOP 5

POS	CLUB	AVERAGE GOALS PER MATCH
1	Leicester	3.75
2=	Chelsea	3.25
2=	Norwich	3.25
2=	Sunderland	3.25
2=	West Ham	3.25



164

Chelsea players have been fouled 164 times in 2015-16 - more than anyone else! And gaffer Jose Mourinho says The Blues never get decisions from refs!



62

There's not many worse feelings in footy than hitting the post - it's happened 62 times this season. Gutted!

AERIAL ACE!

There isn't a better player in the air than Aston Villa hitman Rudy Gestede - he's won more aerial balls than any other player this season!



3

MATCH loves a counter-attack, and Everton, Newcastle and Leicester are the kings of them - they've all bagged three goals on the break!



2

Only two goals have been directly assisted by throw-ins this season - FBs Nacho Monreal and Aaron Cresswell were the providers!



26

There have been 26 red cards this season - that's over a third of 2014-15's total already!

100%



Arsenal have bagged the first goal in seven of their matches this season - and won them all!

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Tottenham wonderkid reckons he plays like a cross between Steven Gerrard and Yaya Toure!

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The England defender is
the only star to play every
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The Chelsea hero was
named England's
vice-captain
last year!

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Stoke No.1 has
made more saves than
any other Prem keeper
so far this season!

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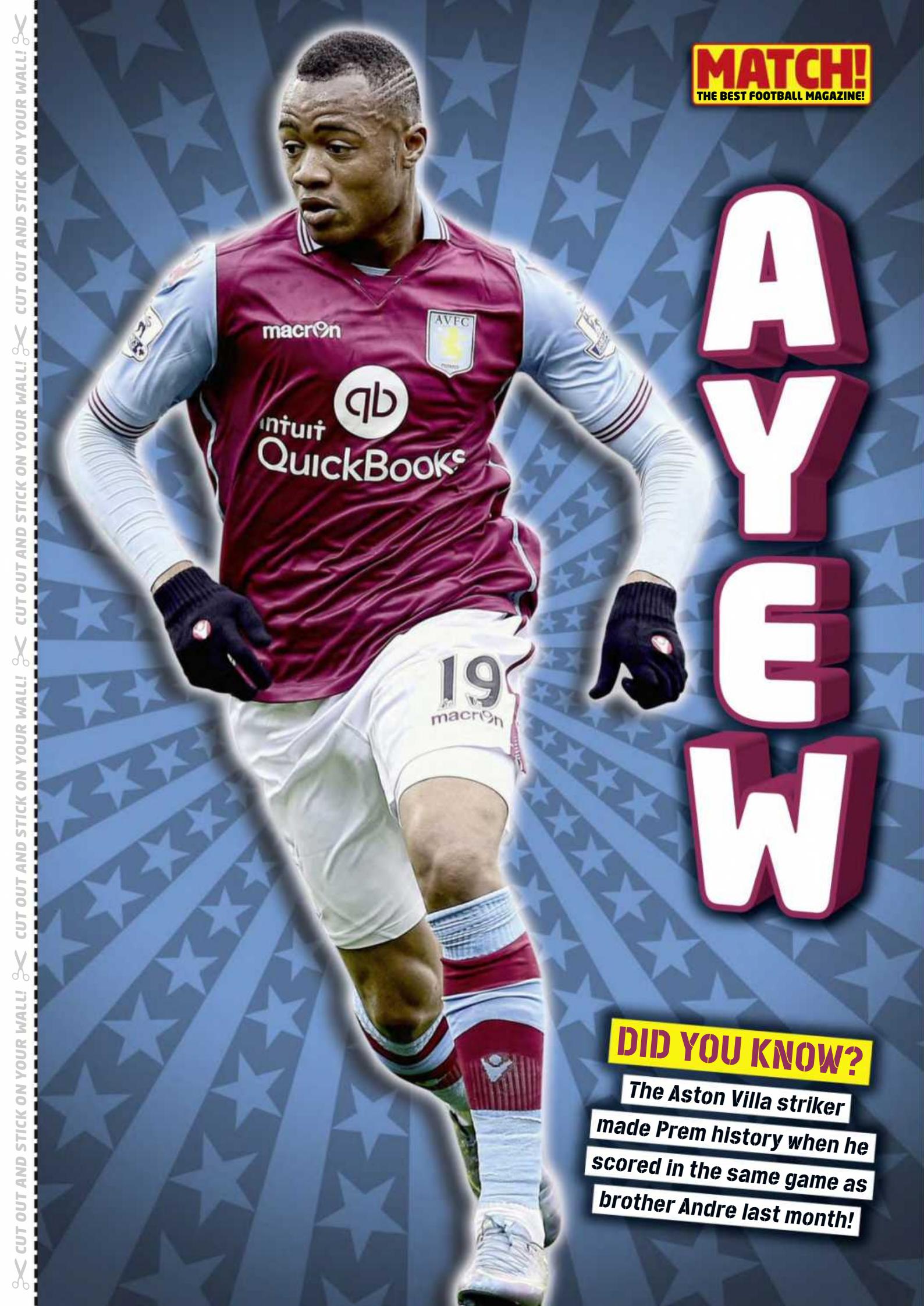
The Liverpool hero
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Year award in 2010!

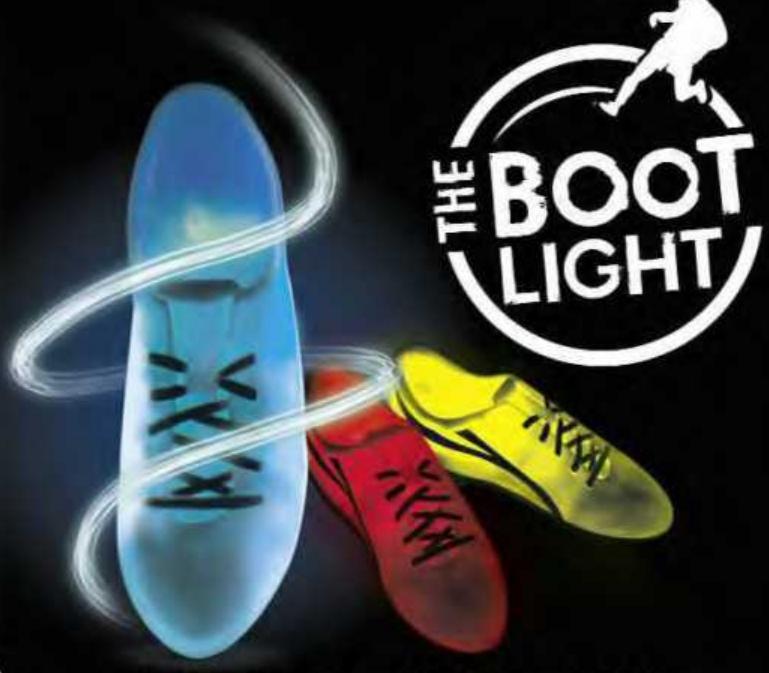
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DID YOU KNOW?

The Aston Villa striker made Prem history when he scored in the same game as brother Andre last month!





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THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

The biggest footy match in the world takes place this weekend - **REAL MADRID v BARCELONA!** MATCH tells you everything you need to know about both teams!

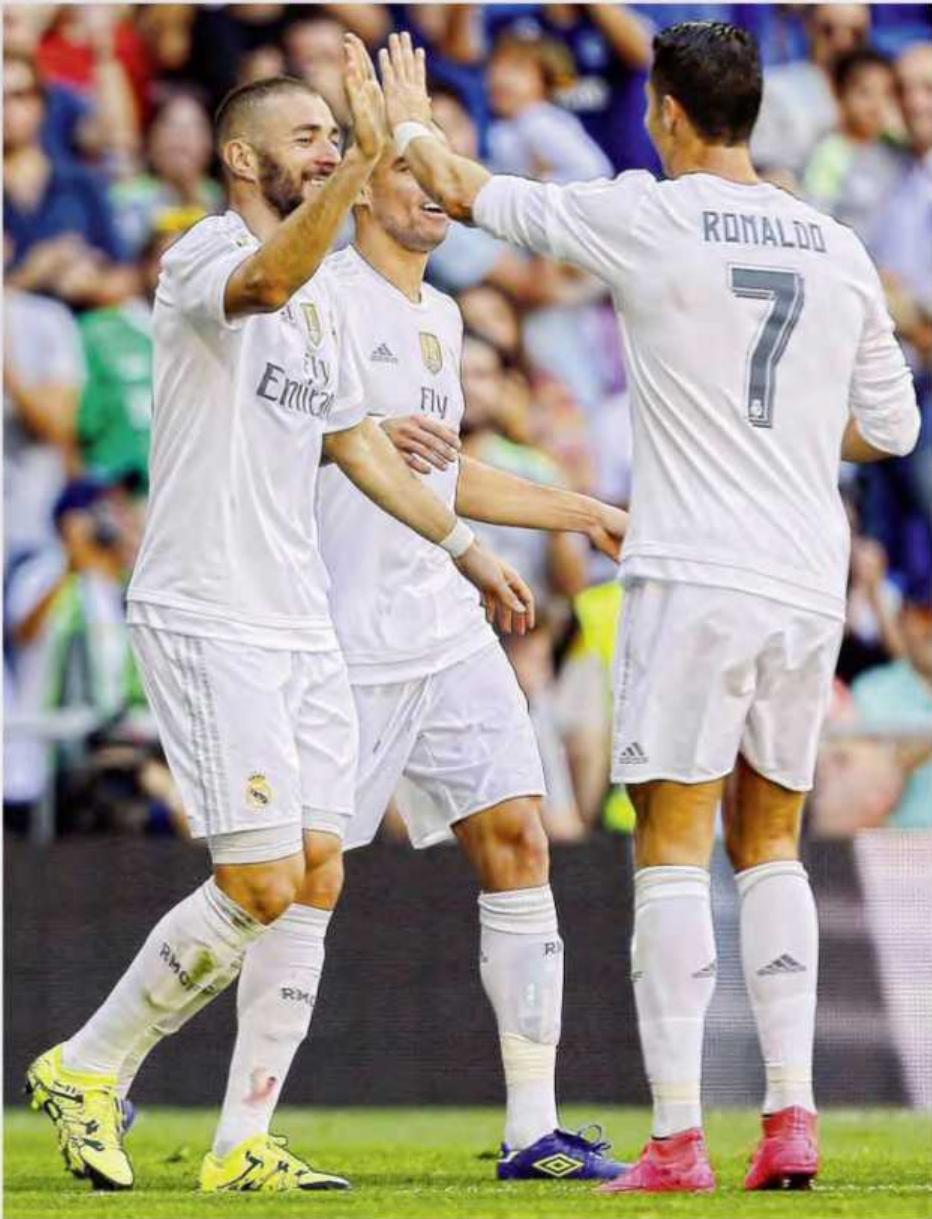


WATCH IT! REAL MADRID v BARCELONA ★ Saturday, 5.15pm, Sky Sports 2

EL CLASICO



REAL MADRID



FORM GUIDE

Los Blancos hadn't lost a single game all season until earlier this month!

Aug. 23 La Liga	Sporting Gijon	0-0	Real Madrid
Aug. 29 La Liga	Real Madrid	5-0	Real Betis
Sep. 12 La Liga	Espanyol	0-6	Real Madrid
Sep. 15 CL	Real Madrid	4-0	Shakhtar
Sep. 19 La Liga	Real Madrid	1-0	Granada

Sep. 23 La Liga	Athletic Bilbao	1-2	Real Madrid
Sep. 26 La Liga	Real Madrid	0-0	Malaga
Sep. 30 CL	Malmo	0-2	Real Madrid
Oct. 4 La Liga	Atletico Madrid	1-1	Real Madrid
Oct. 17 La Liga	Real Madrid	3-0	Levante

Oct. 21 CL	PSG	0-0	Real Madrid
Oct. 24 La Liga	Celta Vigo	1-3	Real Madrid
Oct. 31 La Liga	Real Madrid	3-1	Las Palmas
Nov. 3 CL	Real Madrid	1-0	PSG
Nov. 8 La Liga	Sevilla	3-2	Real Madrid

LIKELY LINE-UP



TEAM NEWS

Sergio Ramos, Karim Benzema and Marcelo are fitness doubts, while James Rodriguez only returned from injury in Real's last game. Rafa Benitez has used loads of different formations this season, but with a 4-3-3 they can match Barcelona's midfield trio, and unleash Gareth Bale and Cristiano Ronaldo's pace on the counter-attack!



LA LIGA TOP SCORERS

PLAYER	GOALS
Cristiano Ronaldo	8
Karim Benzema	6
James Rodriguez	3
Gareth Bale	2
Jese	2





REAL'S KEY MEN



**STAR
MAN!**



CRISTIANO RONALDO

C-Ron recently said he thinks he's better than Lionel Messi, but it's in games like this that he has to prove it! He's got his eye on the 2015 Ballon d'Or, and a match-winning display against Barcelona could help him seal it!

RON'S STATS

	GAMES	GOALS
LA LIGA	211	233
EL CLASICO	23	15

DID YOU KNOW?

Ronaldo is just three goals behind Real's all-time Clasico record!

THE GAFFER



TROPHY CABINET

- 1 Champions League
- 2 La Ligas
- 2 Europa Leagues
- 1 UEFA Super Cup
- 1 Club World Cup
- 1 FA Cup
- 1 Coppa Italia

RAFA BENITEZ

The ex-Liverpool and Chelsea gaffer's tactics rock, and he's a defence specialist - Real have only conceded seven league goals since he arrived in the summer! Another clean sheet in Benitez's first Clasico could help seal all three points!

ONE TO WATCH



GARETH BALE

Gaz hasn't played much footy this season because of injury, but after resting during the international break he should be back to full fitness. He hit an epic winner against Barça in the 2014 Copa del Rey final - can he bag his second Clasico goal this weekend?

TOP-OF-THE-TABLE CLASH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 BARCELONA	11	9	0	2	25	12	27
2 REAL MADRID	11	7	3	1	26	7	24

With just three points separating the sides at the top of La Liga, this game will be huge in deciding where the Spanish title ends up!

**TURN OVER FOR
EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT
BARCELONA!**



BARCELONA



LIKELY LINE-UP



TEAM NEWS

El Clasico's all-time top goalscorer could miss out on this one! Lionel Messi picked up a knee injury against Las Palmas in September and it doesn't look like he'll be fit, so dribble king Munir should play! Ivan Rakitic has also been injured recently so Sergi Roberto is on standby, while Javier Mascherano returns at centre-back after a two-game ban!



FORM GUIDE

Even though Leo Messi's been injured, Barça still haven't stopped winning and scoring!

Aug. 23 La Liga	Athletic Bilbao	0-1	Barcelona
Aug. 29 La Liga	Barcelona	1-0	Malaga
Sep. 12 La Liga	Atletico Madrid	1-2	Barcelona
Sep. 16 CL	Roma	1-1	Barcelona
Sep. 20 La Liga	Barcelona	4-1	Levante

Sep. 23 La Liga	Celta Vigo	4-1	Barcelona
Sep. 26 La Liga	Barcelona	2-1	Las Palmas
Sep. 29 CL	Barcelona	2-1	B. Leverkusen
Oct. 3 La Liga	Sevilla	2-1	Barcelona
Oct. 17 La Liga	Barcelona	5-2	Rayo Vallecano
Oct. 20 CL	BATE	0-2	Barcelona

Oct. 25 La Liga	Barcelona	3-1	Eibar
Oct. 28 Copa	Villanovense	0-0	Barcelona
Oct. 31 La Liga	Getafe	0-2	Barcelona
Nov. 4 CL	Barcelona	3-0	BATE
Nov. 8 La Liga	Barcelona	3-0	Villarreal

LA LIGA TOP SCORERS

PLAYER	GOALS
Neymar	11
Luis Suarez	9
Lionel Messi	3
Marc Bartra	1
Thomas Vermaelen	1



BARÇA'S KEY MEN



**STAR
MEN!**



SUÁREZ

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NEYMAR & SUAREZ

We tried to choose between these two, but it's impossible - they're both just too good! In the five league games since Leo's injury, Suárez has hit six goals and Neymar's got eight - including four in one game! The Real defence will have their hands full with these two!

NEYMAR STATS

	GAMES	GOALS
LA LIGA	69	42
EL CLASICO	5	2

SUAREZ STATS

	GAMES	GOALS
LA LIGA	37	25
EL CLASICO	2	1

THE GAFFER



TROPHY CABINET
1 Champions League
1 La Liga
1 Copa del Rey
1 UEFA Super Cup

LUIS ENRIQUE

Enrique got some stick for his tactics after Barça's shaky start last season, but those doubters were well and truly silenced after he led the club to a La Liga, Copa del Rey and Champions League treble! He's made Barça solid in defence and lethal in attack!

ONE TO WATCH



SERGI ROBERTO

The 23-year-old has filled in at right-back this season, but took his chance in midfield when Iniesta was injured. He bagged two assists against Getafe, and will be ready to start alongside the Barça skipper if Rakitic fails to recover from a calf injury in time!

VERDICT



Real Madrid 3-2 Barcelona

MATCH SAYS: "It's hard to say who'll come out on top, but one thing's for sure - we'll definitely be tuning in! Barça's front line is epic, even without Messi, but with home advantage, Real will just about nick it!"

5

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO FOR THIS



GOALS FOR IGHALO?

Watford v Man. United

Saturday, 12.45pm

Watford have a terrible record against United - they've lost their last nine games and haven't beaten The Red Devils since 1986 - but Odion Ighalo could change that! The Hornets striker has scored six goals in his last eight Prem matches, and could be the man to end that winless run!



CANARIES TO PARK THE BUS?

Chelsea v Norwich

Saturday, 3pm

Prem new boys Norwich haven't beaten Chelsea at Stamford Bridge for over 20 years! They've conceded 19 goals in the last six games at the champions' home, so will Alex Neil's boys park the bus? 0-0 was the score the last time they met, and it could happen again. Watch this space!

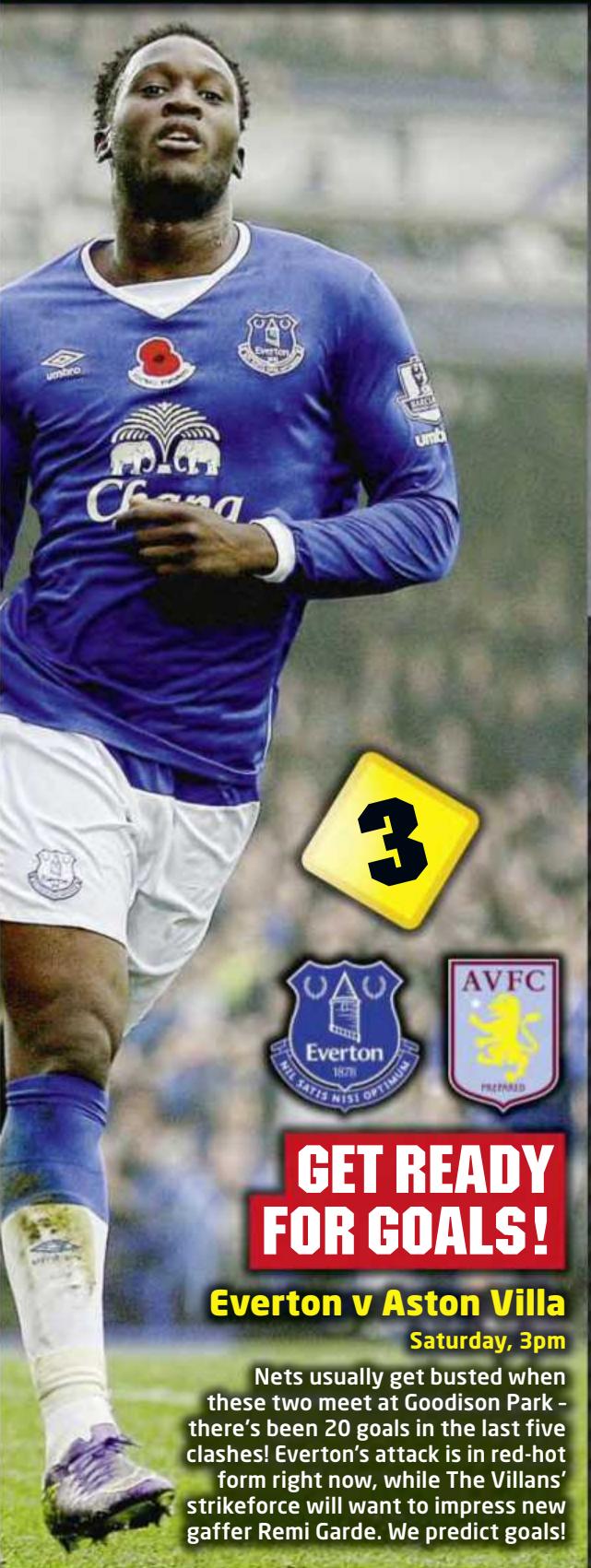


LOOK OUT WEEKEND!

WEEKEND PREVIEW!



MATCH checks out the big talking points ahead of this weekend's massive Premier League action!



GET READY FOR GOALS!

Everton v Aston Villa

Saturday, 3pm

Nets usually get busted when these two meet at Goodison Park - there's been 20 goals in the last five clashes! Everton's attack is in red-hot form right now, while The Villans' strikeforce will want to impress new gaffer Remi Garde. We predict goals!



GUNNERS BASH THE BAGGIES?

West Brom v Arsenal

Saturday, 3pm

The Prem's leakiest home defence meets the deadliest away attack this weekend! The Baggies have shipped 12 goals at home so far, while Arsenal have ripped net 14 times away from The Emirates! The Gunners could run rampant at The Hawthorns!



LONDON DERBY GOAL KING!

Tottenham v West Ham

Sunday, 4pm

Tottenham and West Ham have been two of this season's form teams, so we can't wait for this clash! Spurs striker Harry Kane has netted ten goals in 13 Prem London derbies - can he keep that red-hot run going against The Hammers?

TURN OVER FOR BIG-GAME PREVIEW...

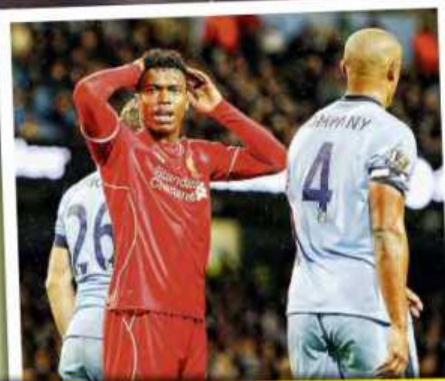
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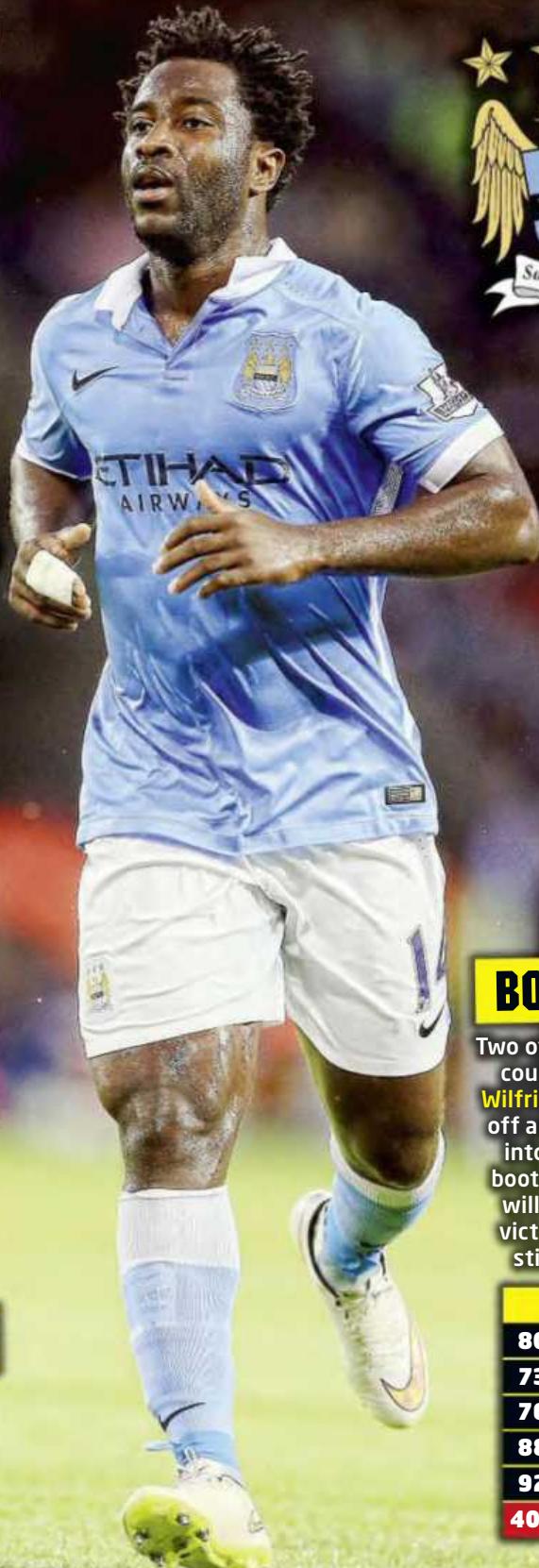
MILNER'S RETURN!

James Milner left City in the summer for regular first-team footy, so he'll be well up for this one - if he's fit! It'll be his first game back at The Etihad since leaving, and he'll defo want to get one over his old mates!



THE REDS' ETIHAD WOES!

Liverpool hate travelling to The Etihad - they haven't won there in the league for seven years, including two 3-0 thrashings! City have hit 13 goals in their last three Prem home matches too, so is another big defeat on the cards for The Reds?



BONY v BENTEKE!

Two of the Prem's biggest beasts could face-off this weekend! **Wilfried Bony** will hope to shake off a hamstring injury and step into Sergio Aguero's ice-cool boots, while **Christian Benteke** will want to fire The Reds to victory with Daniel Sturridge still struggling for fitness!

BONY	BENTEKE	
80	FINISHING	83
73	DRIBBLING	74
76	SPEED	78
88	HEADING	92
92	STRENGTH	88
409	TOTAL	415

LIVERPOOL

WEEKEND PREVIEW!



Saturday night footy
is gonna rock big-time
- MATCH reveals why!



KING KEV!

There aren't many hotter stars in the Prem right now than City ace Kevin de Bruyne! The Belgium hero has got **seven goals and assists** combined in eight league games in 2015-16 - he's been electric! The Reds had better watch out!

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Man. City wins	44
Draws	44
Liverpool wins	83



GOALS GALORE!

There have been **23 goals** in the last six Prem matches between these two teams! With the attacking talent on show at The Etihad, there should be even more net rippers on Saturday!

LIKELY LINE-UPS!



BEN SAYS...

Man. City 2-1 Liverpool

"Liverpool's form has picked up under Jurgen Klopp, but I can't see past Pellegrini's boys this weekend! Sterling will haunt his old club and net both the goals!"

YOU SAY



TURN OVER FOR PREDICT THE RESULT...

PREDICT THE...

RESULT!

WEEKEND
PREVIEW!



Can you guess more correct Prem scores than MATCH?

WATFORD v **MAN. UNITED**

"Watford's form has started to pick up recently, so I'm going for a shock home win!"

BEN SAYS 2-0

YOU SAY

CHELSEA v **NORWICH**

"The Canaries will fancy their chances against a shaky Blues side - I'll go for a draw!"

BEN SAYS 0-0

YOU SAY

EVERTON v **ASTON VILLA**

"Villa haven't won in the Prem since the opening day of the season... definite home win!"

BEN SAYS 3-1

YOU SAY

NEWCASTLE v **LEICESTER**

"Leicester are flying right now, and I fancy Vardy to bag the winner against The Magpies!"

BEN SAYS 1-2

YOU SAY

SOUTHAMPTON v **STOKE**

"Southampton are real dark horses for a top-four spot this season, and they'll win here!"

BEN SAYS 2-1

YOU SAY

FINAL SCORE!

Give yourself three points for a correct scoreline and one for the right result!

BEN'S SCORE

YOUR SCORE

**MATCH!
LEADERBOARD**

1	JAMIE	20
2	STEVE	15
3	BEN	13
4	JAMES	12



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BIG MATCH! QUIZ

PREMIER LEAGUE SPECIAL

MATCH! WINNER!



Who scored a late penalty when Man. City beat Norwich 2-1 last month?

FREAKY FACES!



Which Prem goal machine has been given a mega-weird makeover?



jobswap

Which Prem star is going around emptying all the dustbins?



Crystal Palace



Leicester



Newcastle



Norwich



ODD ONE OUT!

Which of these clubs don't have an animal as their nickname?

Swansea



West Brom

FOOTY AT THE FILMS!



Which rock-solid defender is starring in Alvin And The Chipmunks?



FOOTY MIS-MATCH

Spot the ten differences
between these
two pics!



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BIG MATCH! QUIZ

EURO SPECIAL

FLASHBACK!

Can you work out who this Euro megastar is from this ancient pic?



5 QUESTIONS ON...

PIERRE-EMERICK AUBAMEYANG



1 How old is the lightning-quick Borussia Dortmund goal machine - 22, 24, 26 or 28 years old?

2 The red-hot striker plays international footy for which African country - Gabon, Guinea or Cameroon?

3 True or False? He came through AC Milan's youth system like his older brothers Catilina and Willy!

4 Which of these clubs has Pierre never played for - Monaco, Dijon, Lille, Saint-Etienne or Marseille?

5 True or False? Aubameyang was Dortmund's top goalscorer in the Bundesliga last season with 16 goals!



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Beardy Weirdy!

Which Euro stars forgot to shave this morning?



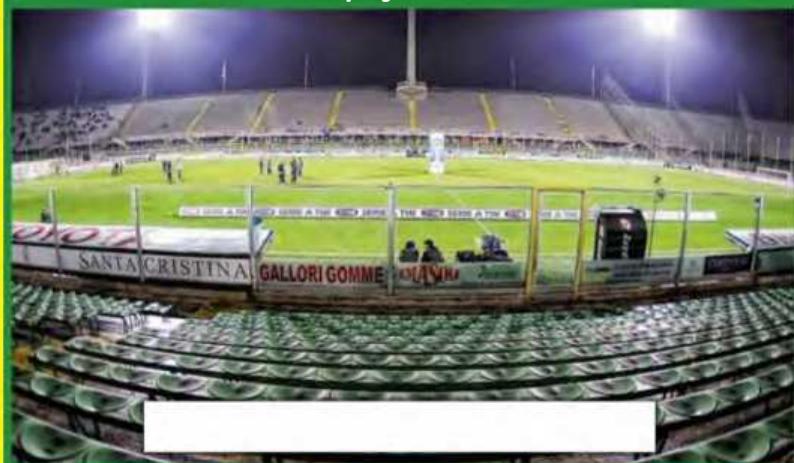
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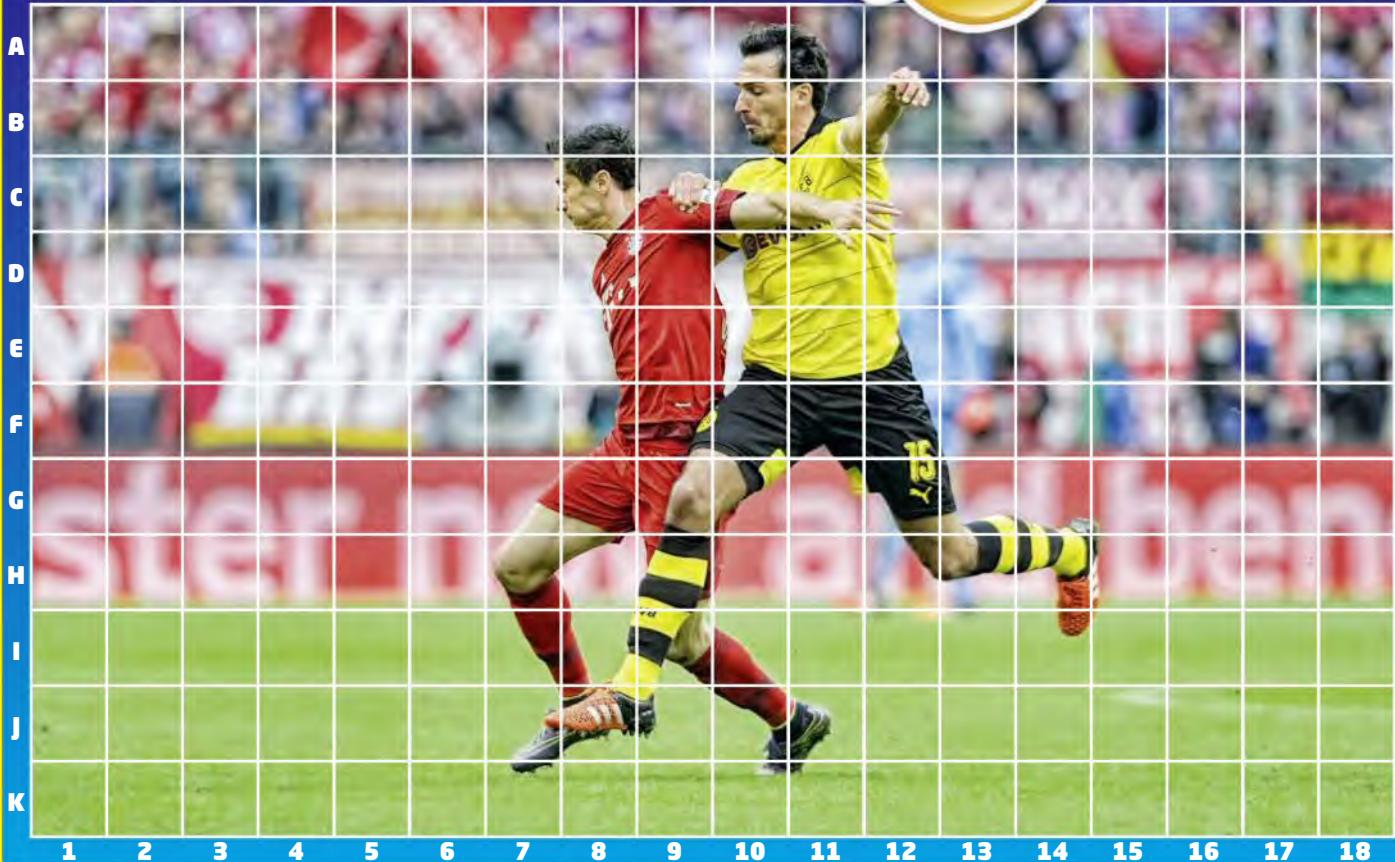
Which massive Italian club plays at the Stadio Artemio Franchi?



SPOT THE BALL!



Mark where you think the ball should be in this action pic!



1. Real Madrid



2. Roma

SUPER SKIPPERS!

Can you name the captains of these Euro mega clubs?



3. PSG



4. Borussia Dortmund



BIG MATCH! QUIZ

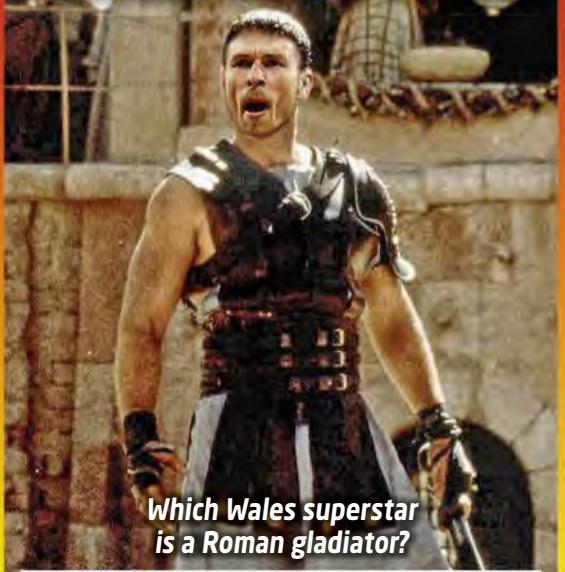
INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL

FIFA 16 CHALLENGE!

Name the two England stars on these FUT cards!



BACK TO THE FUTURE



Which Wales superstar is a Roman gladiator?

Youssouf Mulumbu	Stephane Sessegnon	Diego Lugano	Mamadou Sakho
	CLUB SHARERS!		
Yohan Cabaye	Which team have these superstars all played for?		
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	David Luiz		

CLUB SHARERS!

Which team have these superstars all played for?



Which Poland hero is doing the weather forecast?

SOCER SCRABBLE

Rearrange these letters to find a European country's name!

NAME THE TEAM!



Can you fill in the gaps in the N. Ireland team that sealed Euro qualification against Greece?

1. Left-back ★ West Brom

2. Centre-back ★ Watford

Goalkeeper ★ Hamilton

MICHAEL McGOVERN

3. Centre-back ★ West Brom

Striker ★ Kilmarnock

JOSH MAGENNIS

4. Right-back ★ Man. United

Winger ★ Leeds

STUART DALLAS

Winger ★ Nottingham Forest

JAMIE WARD

5. Midfielder ★ Southampton

Midfielder ★ Blackburn

CORRY EVANS

Midfielder ★ Reading

OLIVER NORWOOD

FOOTY CRAZY!

These balls were used at the last four World Cups, but which ones?



1. Brazuca

2. Teamgeist

3. Jabulani

4. Fevernova

crazy names!

Which countries have these nicknames?

1. Elephants

5. Socceroos

2. Red Devils

6. Super Eagles

3. Oranje

7. Taegeuk Warriors

4. Three Lions

8. Dragons

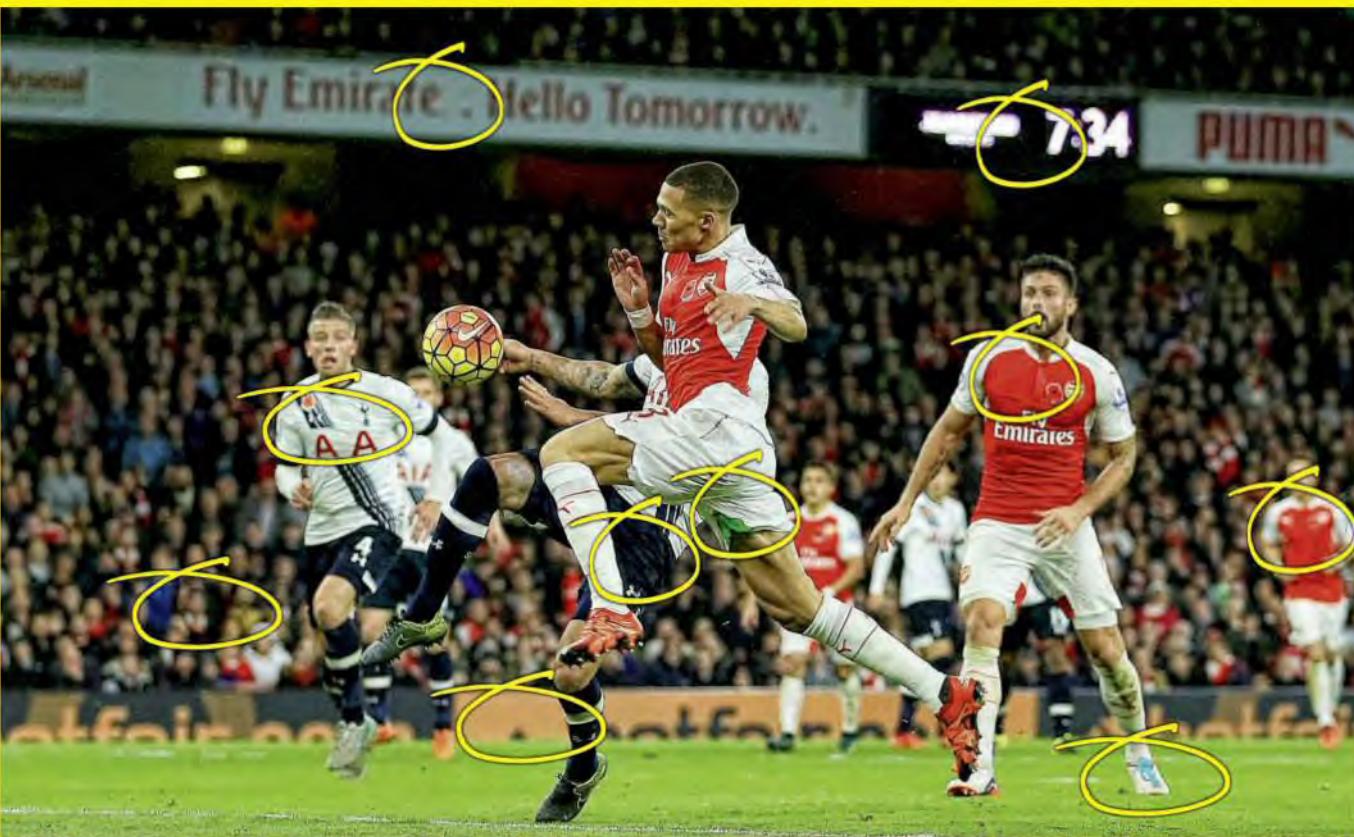
WHO AM I?

Can you work out the mystery goal king from these three clues?

- I was the second-top scorer in Euro 2016 qualifying!
- I play for Bayern Munich and Germany!
- I won the Golden Boot at World Cup 2010, and nearly won it again in Brazil four years later!

TURN OVER FOR
THE ANSWERS!

QUIZ ANSWERS!



Premier League Special

- Job Swap:** Philippe Coutinho.
MATCH WINNER: Yaya Toure.
Odd One Out: West Brom - they're The Baggies.
Freaky Faces: Jamie Vardy.
Footy At The Films: Jan Vertonghen.
Footy Mis-Match: See above.

Euro Special

- Flashback:** Gareth Bale.
Aubameyang Quiz:
1. 26 years old; 2. Gabon; 3. True; 4. Marseille; 5. True.
Beardy Weirdy: 1. Luis Suarez; 2. Arturo Vidal;
3. Sami Khedira; 4. Gervinho.
Grounded: Fiorentina.
Spot The Ball: J4.
Super Skippers: 1. Sergio Ramos; 2. Francesco Totti; 3. Thiago Silva; 4. Mats Hummels.
Crazy Kit: Napoli.
Fellaini's Barbershop: Antoine Griezmann.



International Special

- Club Sharers:** PSG.
FIFA 16 Challenge:
Wayne Rooney & Raheem Sterling.
On The Box: Robert Lewandowski.
Back To The Future:
Aaron Ramsey.
Soccer Scrabble: Republic Of Ireland.
Name The Team:
1. Chris Brunt; 2. Craig Cathcart; 3. Gareth McAuley; 4. Paddy McNair; 5. Steven Davis.
Footy Crazy:
1. 2014; 2. 2006; 3. 2010; 4. 2002.
Crazy Names:
1. Ivory Coast; 2. Belgium; 3. Holland; 4. England;
5. Australia; 6. Nigeria; 7. South Korea; 8. Wales.
Who Am I?: Thomas Muller.



One point for each correct answer!

MY SCORE /57



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37

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11

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4

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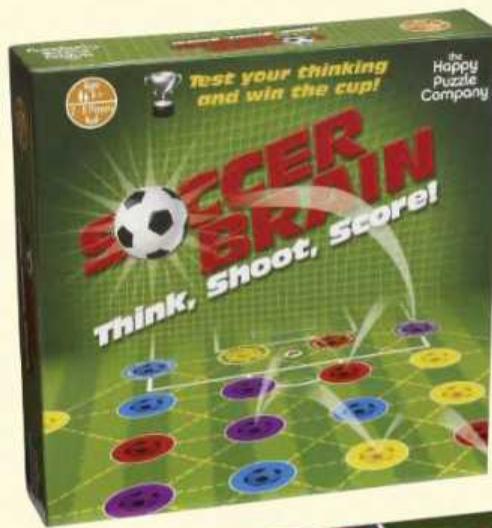


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